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**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2013 11:33 AM  
**To:** District Applications  
**Subject:** Application for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission  
**Attachments:** FINAL ENGLISH Commission Application -HSN.pdf

Dear Office of the City Auditor,  
Please find attached my completed and e-signed application for The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Holly Newman  
4208 N Hills Dr  
Austin, TX 78731  
[hollysnewman@gmail.com](mailto:hollysnewman@gmail.com)



# APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application  
by email to [district.applications@austintexas.gov](mailto:district.applications@austintexas.gov)  
by mail or in person to:  
Office of the City Auditor  
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130  
Austin, TX 78701

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*Application Period:  
January 18, 2013  
through  
February 22, 2013*

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY  
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN  
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER  
AT [WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE](http://WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE)**

You must submit an electronic application to [district.applications@austintexas.gov](mailto:district.applications@austintexas.gov)  
or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 2130

Austin, TX 78701

**Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013**

**DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE**

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission **duties** include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member **terms of service** include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
  - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
    - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
    - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
    - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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**2013**

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Newman Holly S  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1132497656

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

4208 N Hills Dr Austin TX 78731  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

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(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-590-1683

Contact Email Address: hollysnewman@gmail.com

Spouse's Name: Newman Ray L  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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## Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

<b>Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:</b>	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:</b>	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>In the last City Election did you or your spouse:</b>	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Personal Background Information**

- **Ethnicity:** Non-Latina
- **Race:** African-American
- **Gender:** ☐ Male ☒ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**  
☐ 18 to 24    ☐ 25 to 34    ☐ 35 to 44    ☒ 45 to 54    ☐ 55 to 64    ☐ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**  
☒ High School Diploma or GED  
☐ Some College (major \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Associate's Degree (major \_\_\_\_\_)  
☒ Bachelor's Degree (major Engineering)  
☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject MSEE)

**Qualifications**

**Please describe your relevant analytical skills.**

Professionally, I have worked as a systems engineer, engineering manager, product line manager and sales manager. All roles have required decision making and judgment based on currently available facts and evidence provided by experts, as well as trade-offs with respect to time to market and cost.

I've performed cost-benefit analysis for large projects in excess of \$100M. As a volunteer, I've worked on projects with smaller costs but with impact to community and school services/safety initiatives. In all cases, I consider the impacts to staff, other projects that may be competing for these same funds, downside risks, and schedule.

I think it is important to have a vision of the optimal, targeted outcome as well as what is likely to result and perhaps the worst case scenario. There are always several solutions to a problem and careful consideration should be given when making a decision that will have significant and lasting impact.



**Please describe your ability to be impartial.**

Both professionally and in service to the community, I have been able to make decisions based on facts and available resources to best address a problem. Serving as president and vice-president of the Fulmore MS PTA, I've needed to look at how we can best serve the school without burning out volunteers but providing the maximum support to a very deserving and diverse school population. I take into account what would bring the most benefit to the school with consideration for the opinions and perspectives of the parent and student community. I've encouraged others with a different point of view to get involved and express their ideas through their efforts to improve the school. I also believe it is incredibly important to listen, be present and careful in your consideration of the issues. In many cases, it is wise to take some time to review the impact of a decision before finalizing it. That level of discipline has served me well in making decisions that are just and actionable.

**Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.**

I've gained an increased appreciation for Austin's demographics through my volunteer efforts at my children's schools. My older son attends Anderson High School which is our home school. My younger son attends the Fulmore Middle School - Magnet. Meeting and working with parents and community supporters in both areas has helped me understand how Austin's growth impacts both neighborhoods. The communities are very different with respect to lifestyle, mix of business and housing. Within the Fulmore community there is significant range with respect to the socioeconomics of the households. Due to population growth, we really see a change in the wealth of the Fulmore community especially in Travis Heights. However, this neighborhood still retains its eclectic nature as part of the South Congress community. The Becker neighborhood is much more moderate especially as you cross Lamar and has a population made up of mid and lower incoming households that are from many different races and ethnicities. Dual language and affordable services (e.g., schools, health services, restaurants) are significant to this community.

In both communities, I see a changing household due to the population growth in Austin. There is increased average household income in NW Hills and properties now sell for significantly more than just six months prior. Here I see the population as much more homogeneous in terms of race and ethnicity but diverse in terms of state and country of origin.

I have family that lives east of IH35, and this area is still influenced by segregation at its origin. Impacts of this can be felt in lower household incomes and property values. While there is some rejuvenation in and around the 11th and 12th Street area, there appears to be more focus on crime prevention than on economic empowerment and growth. Gentrification has impacted socioeconomics for households in pockets of this community, but not overall.

**Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.**

My family moved to Austin in the August of 2006 from New Jersey. We enjoy that Austin offers many of the amenities of a big city but has a small town feel. I love the distinct culture in Austin which is distinct and all its own. We are fortunate to have made friends and built relationships with many people across the city. I feel Austin is my adopted home and I would very much appreciate the opportunity to serve.

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**DISCLAIMER**

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

**Holly S Newman**

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Signature of Applicant

**2/08/2013**

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Date

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

**GLOSSARY**

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
  - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
  - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
  - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
  - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
  - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

